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CONTROL METHOD
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Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 34 pages, including 6 independent claims and 18 claims total.
2. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 10 figures.
3. Certified copy of Japanese Patent Application No. 11-370868, filed December 27, 1999.
4. Information Disclosure Statement and Information Disclosure Citation, PTO 1449 with documents attached.
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Applicants claim the right to priority based on Japanese Patent Application No. 11-370868, filed December 27, 1999.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional filing fees due and any other fees due under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or § 1.17 during the pendency of this application to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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